(b) what are the sales of these products under ORG for the years 1986 and 1987;

(c) whether it is a fact that the prices of these products are exorbitant;

(d) whether German Remedies are having monopoly in the field of production of Bisa Codyl preparations; and

(e) if so, whether this drug would be brought under price control ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Sales turnover is not monitored.

(c) to (e) As per the provision of the DPCO, 1987 the manufacturers of non-scheduled formulations/bulk drugs are free to revise the prices. However, Government is keeping a watch and has intervened wherever found necessary. Government is empowered to bring any non-scheduled drugs under control should it be considered necessary to do so.

Prouction and prices of Baralgan Ketone

3348. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1416 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th May, 1988 and state:

(a) what was the production of Baralgan Ketone which was the subject matter of litigation in Supreme Court and what was the production of each from the date of litigation to the date of promulgation of DPCO, 1987;

(b) what was the price fixed for this drug and at what price formulations prices were charged of each strength and each pack along with the production of each and price approved by Government of each;

(c) at what rate the recovery was made in respect of bulk drug and each formulation; and

(d) what are the basis of calculation of amount to be recovered on this drug ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The production of Baralgan Ketone as per form 6 for the period ending 31-12-83 is 6270.35 kgs.

(b) The Company produced 5 formulation out of the bulk drug but price for one formulations i.e. Baralgan drops 10 ml was notified by the Government under DPCO, 1979. The notified price is Rs. 4.27 and the price changed by the company is Rs. 4.72.

(c) and (d). The recoverable amount has been assessed based on the price charged by the company and the place notified by the Government in respect of bulk drug.

Survey regarding theft of electricity in Delhi

3349. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether DESU have made any survey regarding theft of electricity in Delhi;

(b) if so, what is the daily estimated loss of revenue to Government on this account;

(c) whether Government have come across any cases in which the Director, Vigilance of DESU has been found directly/indirectly involved in such incidents;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what action Government propose to take against such officers and the steps taken to contain tthe menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) According to Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking, a general survey has been made recently and areas prone to power theft have been identified.

(b) According to DESU, it has not been possible to make an estimate of the losses of revenue on account of theft of energy as it is not possible to segregate theft of distribution losses.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of answer to (c) above.

(e) The measures taken to contain the menace of theft of power by DESU include intensifying surprise raids, associating CBI for joint raids in areas where large scale pilferage/theft of energy is suspected and strengthening Transmission and Distribution sytem and organisational inputs.

Performance of State Electricity Boards

3350. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:
SHRI JAGADISH JANI:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any improvement in the overall performance of the State Electricity Boards during last two years;

(b) what are the comparative Statewise details of Plant Load Factor, quantum of generation/distribution and consumption of major inputs like coal/oil during 1985-86 and 1986-1987;

(c) what major factors have been identified to have been responsible for preventing State Electricity Boards' to earn profit;

(d) what remedial steps are being taken in this regard; and

(e) whether the Central Government have given financial assistance to the State Electricity Boards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) The details are given in the Statements I, II and III.

(c) The main reasons for losses are:

(i) Un-remunerative tariffs

(ii) Low capacity utilisation (Thermal generating plant).

(iii) High transmission & distribution losses.

(iv) Losses on account of supply of power to the agricultural sector.

(d) Some of the measures taken to improve the performance of State Electricity Boards are:—

(i) Introduction of a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for renovation and modernisation of thermal power stations;

(ii) Introduction of an Incentive Scheme for improved performance of thermal power stations;

(iii) Amendment of the Indian Electrically Act, 1910 to make theft of electricity a cognizable offence;

(iv) Introduction of an Incentive Scheme for reduction of transmission and distribution losses;

(v) Training of engineers and operation & maintenance personnel of power stations;

(vi) Capitalisation of interest during construction;

(vii) prompt release of rural electrification subsidies by State Governments: and

(viii) Provision of equity support by State Governments.

(e) Central Govt. have given financial assistance to the State Electricity Boards for the Renovation and Modernisation programme of identified thermal power stations

Statement-I

The overall performance of State Electricity Boards during the last two years is as below:—

	PLF (%) for (Thermal Stations only)	Commercial Surplus (Deficit) (*Rs. in crores*)
1986-87	49.8	218.0*@
1987-88	53.5	227.20*@

* After Capitalisation of IDC.

@ Figures Provisional. Including rural electrification subsidies as provided in the Boards' Acounts.